

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 30, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 40, 3/22/2007; HJ 36, 3/22/2007;  
SB 567, 3/22/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:02:43

**HEARING ON HB 40**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:16 REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 40, Revise state movie incentive laws.

**EXHIBIT**(tas68a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:00 Rep. Bob Ebinger, HD 62

**EXHIBIT**(tas68a02)

00:18:10 Erik Stern, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

00:21:30 Betsy Baumgart, Montana Department of Commerce

**EXHIBIT**(tas68a03)

**EXHIBIT**(tas68a04)

00:29:28 Ed Bartlett, Travel Industry Association of Montana

00:29:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Motion Picture Association

00:30:48 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:32:19 Gary Wunderwald

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:24 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:43 Sen. Robert Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:38:17 Sen. Story to Sten Iversen, Administrator, Montana Film Office, Montana Department of Commerce

00:43:08 Sen. Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:46:26 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Mr. Olsen, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:43 Rep. Gallik

**EXHIBIT** (tas68a05)

**HEARING ON HJ 36**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:25 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HJ 36**, Urge PILT payment and mineral royalty separation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:49 Willie Duffield Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCPC)

00:55:21 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:13 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Blattie, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:53 Rep. Lambert

**HEARING ON SB 567**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:26 **SEN. KIM GILLAN (D), SD 24**, opened the hearing on **SB 567**, Impact assistance for major energy project development.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:01:52 Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a08\)](#)

01:15:58 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Commerce

01:16:40 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:20:08 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

01:21:15 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a11\)](#)

01:37:16 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties

01:44:16 Todd O'Hair, RioTinto Energy

01:48:35 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County

01:52:29 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a12\)](#)

01:55:22 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

01:57:55 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

02:06:29 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:09:02 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:11:56 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:13:47 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Blattie, MACo  
02:14:27 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:18:42 Sen. Story to Mr. Blattie, MACo  
02:20:18 Sen. Story to Mr. Tuttle, Department of Commerce  
02:21:30 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:24:45 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:27:55 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office  
02:29:46 Sen. Jerry Black to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:32:45 Sen. Gillan

**General Discussion:**

02:40:21 Sen. Gillan  
02:40:33 Sen. Story  
02:40:50 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Elliott  
02:41:16 Sen. Story  
02:41:51 Sen. Elliott  
02:42:02 Sen. Gillan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:45 P.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tas68aad.pdf](#))**